

Warmer Tonight, With
Rain Tomorrow.

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FIVE REASONS FOR STRAIGHT PENSION PLAN

More Than 300,000 Em-
ployes Favor It, Writes
M. F. O'Donoghue.

PRACTICE A BENEFIT TO PRIVATE CONCERNS

Railroads and Big Industries Find
Increased Efficiency Results,
He Says.

Arguments for Straight Pension Plan

Has hearty indorsement of more
than 300,000 Government em-
ployes.

Fifty per cent of the men employed
on the railroads are pensioned
with deductions from their
salaries.

England has retired its civil em-
ployes on straight pension for one
hundred years.

Twenty-two railroads have the
straight pension principle in
operation.

Retirement on these lines is in-
dorsed by the financial officers of
every institution which has put
it to a test.

By MICHAEL F. O'DONOGHUE,
President of the United States Civil
Service Retirement Association.

Probably the most forceful argu-
ment in favor of the straight civil
pension is that it is the one plan for
the retirement of superannuated em-
ployes that carries with it the hearty
indorsement of more than 300,000
Government employes throughout the
United States.

Therefore if Congress is to abide
by the wishes of the employes them-
selves, there is only one course open.
However, the members of the United
States Civil Service Retirement Asso-
ciation, with great respect to Presi-
dent Taft and Congress, are willing
to abide by their decision as to what
is just and equitable in the way of
retirement legislation.

The Goulden bill, which is now pend-
ing in Congress, provides for the
straight civil pension, and the asso-
ciation members are working for its
passage.

Five Reasons for Passage.

These five reasons have been given
in its favor:

First—It places our great Govern-
ment in line with the best thought
of the present day on the subject
of superannuation, as practiced for
years by the principal governments
of Europe, by many of the municipali-
ties of this country, and by our great
industrial and railroad interests.

Second—The bill voices the senti-
ment of every employe of the postal
service, through resolutions indorsing
it at the national and State conven-
tions of letter carriers, clerks, rural
carriers, supervisory employes and
postmasters, and it also has been in-
dorsed by the United States Civil
Service Retirement Association, in
convention at Washington on January
14 and 15, 1910.

Third—It provides for the retirement
of faithful employes who become in-
capacitated while still in the service,
by allowing them just and reasonable com-
pensation for the years they have
served, and makes the full period of
service before being eligible for retire-
ment thirty years, or on reaching the
age of sixty-two—fair and equitable.

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WEATHER REPORT.

The center of the storm that now cov-
ers the Rocky Mountain region
move eastward to the Mississippi valley
by Wednesday morning, and the area
of unsettled weather and precipitation
attending it will overspread practically
all districts east of the Mississippi river
before Wednesday night. The precipita-
tion will be in the form of rain in the
central and middle States, and rain or
snow in the northern States.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.
Increasing cloudiness, followed by rain
Wednesday morning or on Wednesday.
Warmer tonight; lowest temperature to-
night about 36 degrees. Moderate south-
westerly winds, backing to southeast-
erly Wednesday.

TEMPERATURES.
8 a. m. 29
9 a. m. 30
10 a. m. 35
11 a. m. 36
12 noon. 43
1 p. m. 45
2 p. m. 45

TIDE TABLE.
Today—High tide, 5:08 a. m., 5:33 p. m.
Low tide, 11:20 a. m., 5:54 p. m.
Tomorrow—High tide, 5:54 a. m., 5:57 p. m.
Low tide, 12:05 a. m., 12:03 p. m.

SUN TABLE.
Sun rises 7:18
Sun sets 4:45

CONDITION OF RIVERS.
HARPER'S FERRY, W. Va., Dec. 27.—
Both rivers clear.

J. H. ROBINSON DIED OF BROKEN HEART, HIS FRIENDS SAY

Secretary to Senator Percy
Found Dead on Couch
in Senate Office.

FAMILIAR FIGURE AT CAPITOL BUILDING

Employed by Three Mississippians,
He Made Friends With
Many Legislators.

A crumpled telegram bearing Christ-
mas greetings from his children dropped
from the hand of Col. J. Hancock Robin-
son, Confederate veteran, of Memphis,
Tenn., when he dozed off into his final
sleep, in the Senate committee room
where he had successively been secre-
tary to three of Mississippi's Senators.

He was found this morning, and his
death marked the passing of a man
who has been a familiar figure at the
Capitol for more than twenty years.
The affection of Colonel Robinson,
who was sixty-two years old, for the
late Senator Anselm J. McLaughlin, of
Mississippi, was one of the most potent
things of the colonel's life, and his fail-
ure in health dates from the Senator's
death.

"Heartbreak" the Cause.

When he was found, he lay on the
couch in Committee Room 406, to which
he had moved his office from the Cap-
itol, where he had been for so many
years. Heart failure is the cause the
physicians attribute. But many of those
who knew this kindly old man say
"heartbreak," and then they tell of
Robinson and McLaughlin.

The Sergeant-at-Arms would not let
the body remain at the morgue. He him-
self ordered it prepared for burial,
awaiting the wishes of the man's
children.

The men who lifted him from the
couch this morning found two bits of
paper which told the colonel's friends
much of his thoughts just before death
came.

One was the Christmas telegram. It
read:

"Wish you were here with us. Merry,
merry Christmas from the children."
The other was a prescription. It told
of a fear which had hung over the old
man for many months—a fear that
something was wrong with his heart.

Life-long Friends.

The devotion between Colonel Robin-
son and the late Senator McLaughlin be-
came as proverbial at the Senate as
the age-old devotion of Damon and
Pythias. Over a period of twenty years
the intimate companionship lasted, to
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SEVERE SENTENCES FOR BLACK HANDERS

Leaders Get From 25 to 49
Years—Woman Becomes
Hysterical.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A crushing
blow was struck at "Black Hand"
kidnaping gangs today when Maria
Rappa and Stanislaw Pattenza, heads
of the abducting band which stole
Giuseppe Longo and Michael Rizzo,
two Brooklyn children, were senten-
ced to not less than twenty-five years
and not more than forty-nine years
and ten months, the woman in Au-
burn and the man in Sing Sing pris-
on.

Mrs. Rappa broke down in court
when she heard the sentence, and
screaming hysterically, was dragged
from the room. Pattenza was indif-
ferent and walked out stolidly.

The court was particularly severe
in imposing sentence upon Maria
Rappa.

"It is almost unbelievable," said the
judge, "that you could have held these
broken-hearted children for twenty days,
knowing the terrible suffering of their
distressed parents. You have given birth
to children—your own children lived in
the very room where little Giuseppe
Longo was held a captive. You have
neither the spirit nor instinct of a
mother."

The God-made mother love is better
shown in beasts than in you. A good
mother is the holiest thing alive, but
you have shown a lack of knowing any-
thing of goodness."

The judge expressed regret that he
could not send both to the electric chair.
There was a gasp of astonishment in
the court room as the judge pronounced
the woman's fate. If she lives to serve
the extreme penalty, she will be sev-
enty-four when it expires. Pattenza will
be seventy-nine.

Central Figure and Three Witnesses of Fatal Duel in Capital Vendetta



VINCENZO SANTUELLO, GRIESTINS
SCIPIO, AND ANGELO MOLCO.

ABANDONED BABY HAPPY AT ASYLUM

Waif Left on Doorstep
Elinks in Unconcern as
Police Hunt Mother.

A tiny boy, just three weeks old,
whose blue eyes blink in happy uncon-
cern, is the youngest inmate of St.
Ann's Orphan Asylum today, while the
police department seeks to find the
mother who abandoned the little one
last night.

The mite of humanity was left in the
vestibule of the home of E. W. Creevy,
1330 I street northwest. The involuntary
intruder made his presence known
by a number of short, infantile outcries,
which sent the Creevy family scurrying
from the dinner table to the front door.

It's all a mistake—that report that the
baby boy was clad in fine lace and em-
broideries. When Mr. Creevy found the
three-week-old he was wrapped in a
swaddle of blankets. The abandoned
child was clad in a simple little dress
of most inexpensive design, a little cot-
ton cap, and plain cotton stockings.

There was nothing elaborate in the
baby's wardrobe, but, on the other
hand, it was as neat and clean as it
could be.

Officers from the Board of Charities
went to St. Ann's Asylum this morning
and took possession of the clothing,
hoping to find some clue through which
the little offcast's parentage may be
traced.

Somewhere today there's a mother
whose arms are empty and who, per-
haps, will scan the papers anxiously to
ascertain what disposition has been
made of the precious bit of humanity
she left in the care of whoever might
take it for their own.

Unless the mother love shall conquer
that other feeling that caused some-
one to abandon her offspring, the
little fellow will remain an inmate of the
orphan asylum. It was the best plan
that Mr. Creevy could figure out today.
Third precinct could figure out today.

REBUKED BY FATHER, GIRL TAKES POISON

Physicians at Hospital Un-
able to Determine Na-
ture of Potion.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Because she
had been rebuked by her father for
keeping late hours, Dora Barlow, twen-
ty years old, attempted suicide in her
home, 1336 Amsterdam avenue, today by
using some mysterious poison.

Physicians at the Washington
Heights Hospital, after a lengthy ex-
amination, declared they were unable
to determine the nature of the poison.

Dora returned home at an early hour
today from a dance, and was scolded by
her father. As was his custom, he went
to the girl's room to wake her today.

The girl refused to get up. After much
persuasion, she jumped from her bed
and ran into the kitchen.

Before her father, who had followed her,
could interfere, the girl placed a
white capsule in her mouth and swal-
lowed it. Almost instantly
she toppled over unconscious.

JOHN AMBROSIA,
Accused of Murder of Angello Appitto.

VICTIM OF VENDETTA DEAD; SLAYER CAUGHT

Fatal Shooting Affray in Italian Boarding House Culmi-
nation of Feud of Long Standing—Man Charged
With Murder Arrested After Night's Search.

Shot through the chest with a re-
volver in the hands of John Ambrosia
during a quarrel in an Italian lodging
house, at 474 C street southwest, Angello
Appitto died shortly after 8 o'clock this
morning in the Emergency Hospital.

Ambrosia, who fled from the house af-
ter the shooting and eluded the police
all night, was arrested at the Wash-
ington Hydraulic Brick Company's
yard, Brick Haven, Va., a short time be-
fore Appitto died.

Both men made their home at the C
street house, which is occupied exclu-
sively by Italians. The shooting marked
the culmination of a vendetta of long
standing between the two Italians, but,
according to a statement made by Am-
brosia to Detective Oriani, he shot Ap-
pitto in self-defense.

Several of the boarders, including
Ambrosia, had been playing cards in
a room on the first floor of the house
last evening. Appitto, according to
the story told by the Italians to the
police, came to the house about 11
o'clock. In his hand he held an im-
provised stiletto made out of a long
piece of steel. The card game had
broken up before Appitto came in,
but five or six of the Italians were
still sitting around talking.

Seeing the stiletto and scenting
trouble, Ambrosia says he got up and
went to his room on the second floor.
Appitto, who, the witness, said, seemed
to be in an ugly mood, followed him.
In the hallway on the second floor,
Ambrosia says Appitto attacked him
with the knife. Fearing that he
would be killed, Ambrosia drew a
revolver and shot Appitto through
the chest.

Hearing the shot, those on the first
floor rushed upstairs. Appitto was ly-
ing in the hallway with blood flowing
from the wound in his chest, while Am-
brosia was standing near by with the
revolver in his hand. Giuseppe Ben-
detto, another lodger, who had attempt-
ed to separate the two men when Ap-
pitto attacked Ambrosia, was found to
be suffering from a slight stab wound
in the back. He was not seriously cut,
however.

Benдетto, seeing Appitto coming up-
stairs with the knife in his hand, had
remonstrated with him, and when he
went after Ambrosia, Benдетto was ac-
cidentally cut. Benдетto is regarded by
the police as the most important wit-
ness in the case, but he was not in-
clined to talk about the affair, and the
detectives were unable to get much in-
formation from him. In fact, none of
the persons in the house wanted to talk,
and it was only after the detectives had
questioned them at length that they
got down to the real facts.

Following the shooting some one tele-
phoned for an ambulance, and Appitto
was taken to the hospital. Before the
arrival of the police Ambrosia fled from
the house, and it was not until he
showed up for work this morning that
he was arrested.

Learning where he was employed, De-
tective Springman and Policeman Joe
Grant, the former wrestler, obtained a
horse and buggy and drove to the brick
yard, thinking Ambrosia might take
refuge there. Unable to find any trace
of him, they left word with the watch-
man at the yard to telephone Police
Headquarters if Ambrosia showed up
for work. When Ambrosia appeared at
about the usual time this morning the
watchman notified the police, and Lieut-
enant Flathers and the reserves of the
Fourth precinct went to Brick Haven
and arrested the Italian.

Ambrosia talked freely of the shoot-
ing when questioned by the police. He
frankly admitted the deed, but claimed
it was done in self-defense. Ill feeling
had existed for some time between Ap-
pitto and himself, he said, and when
Appitto came into the room with the
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DIABLO WHIPPED IN 20-HOUR FIGHT

Desperate Battle Near Mal
Paso Renewed at
Dawn Today.

CHIHUAHUA, Mexico, Dec. 27.—The
desperate battle that has been going on
between Mexican revolutionists and
regular troops near Mal Paso was re-
newed at dawn today, when fresh gov-
ernment soldiers reached the scene and
re-enforced the defeated Diaz army.

During the conflict, which raged fully
twenty hours, and was halted only by
darkness last night, the rebels had all
the better of the engagement, and the
government loss was heavy.

Fire Damage \$100,000 In Bath, N. Y.; Still Rages

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 27.—A fire
which has already done \$100,000 dam-
age is still raging in the town of Bath
today, although it is now under con-
trol. Help of departments from sur-
rounding villages was secured.

The fire broke out late last night in
the Nichols Hotel and the guests
that hostelry narrowly escaped with
their lives.

United States Military Au- thorities Search Homes of Nipponese.

MANILA, P. I., Dec. 27.—United States
military authorities today arrested a
Japanese spy in Corregidor, the island
whose great fortifications guard the en-
trance to Manila bay.

The spy is said to have been caught
red-handed with valuable military
sketches and maps in his possession.
He is now held incommunicado.

At the same time Japanese residents
of Manila are incensed today over the
action of the military authorities in
searching a number of houses and
stores of Japanese residents here for
hidden explosives.

The search was instigated by General
Drayton, the retiring commander of the
Department of the Philippines, upon se-
cret advice he has received.

The house occupied by the local agent
of the great Japanese army and navy
contracting firm, the Mitsui Bussan
Kaisha, known throughout America and
Europe as Mitsui & Co., was one of
those searched.

No explosives were found, it is re-
ported, but the occurrence has given
rise to rumors of the discovery of a
Japanese plot against the American
Government, and has caused intense ex-
citement in all quarters.

The Japanese probably will protest to
their government.

TAFT IS CANDIDATE FOR RENOMINATION, EDICT GOES FORTH

Word Given Out Among
Close Friends of Presi-
dent's Plans.

FEARS CONVENTION LESS THAN ELECTION

Truce With Roosevelt Means Col-
onel Has Decided Taft Will
Be Renominated.

President Taft and the 1912 Situation

President Taft's friends apprised
that he will seek renomination in
1912.

Any doubts that were raised after
November 8 election dispelled.

Efforts made to smooth over the
rough edges, and pave way to re-
election.

One feature of these efforts the ex-
change of letters with Colonel
Roosevelt.

Roosevelt has made up his mind
Taft's renomination is certain,
and he will not oppose it.

By JOHN SNURE.

The word has gone out definitely
among the close friends of President
Taft that he will be an active candi-
date for renomination in 1912.

Those who have been entertaining the
belief that Mr. Taft might not be a
candidate for another term, might as
well give up any such idea. The Presi-
dent's close friends know that he in-
tends to run. Not only that, but steps
are being taken to clear the way for
Mr. Taft's renomination. The rough
edges are being smoothed over where
this is possible and friendships are be-
ing sought rather than enemies.

Not alone the renomination is being
kept in mind, but also the re-election
of the President. As a matter of fact,
the men closest to the President are
worried more over the election than they
are over the nomination. They feel
hundreds of thousands can get the
necessary majority of delegates in the
next Republican national convention
to insure his nomination. But the
Democratic drift displayed in the elec-
tions of November 8, causes them anx-
iety.

Differences Patched Up.

For some weeks, the White House
has been busy engaged in cultivating bet-
ter relations with the insurgents in the
House and Senate. Now, this is fol-
lowed by the definite information that
President Taft and Colonel Roosevelt
are getting together.

Politicians in Washington are discuss-
ing with much zest and avidity the in-
formation given out from one of the
right-hand men of President Taft that
the President and Colonel Roosevelt
have for some weeks been engaged in a
friendly correspondence.

The information was given out at the
same time that a denial was issued of
the report that there had been a breach
in the relations between Collector Loeb
and Colonel Roosevelt.

The statement that the President and
Colonel Roosevelt have been correspond-
ing with each other came from a source
so completely in touch with Mr. Taft
that it is looked on as practically an
authorized statement from the White
House. The correctness of it is not
questioned. But it is doubted if the
real significance of what it means is
yet fully understood.

What It Means.

What it means is that Colonel Roose-
velt has made up his mind that Presi-
dent Taft is the man who will be re-
nominated in 1912. The Colonel has
made up his mind, moreover, to sup-
port him and endeavor to help bring
about his election. Nobody would be
surprised if Colonel Roosevelt would
come out in a statement in which he
would say as much, though this is
hardly looked for.

This does not mean that there has
not been bitterness between President
Taft and Colonel Roosevelt. It has
existed and it has been mutual. This
is well known to everybody who knows
the two men and knows the men close
to them.

Colonel Roosevelt undoubtedly at one
time contemplated seeking the Presi-
dency in 1912. But he does not con-
template seeking it now. Just what reasons
have led him to this conclusion are not
hard to discover. For one thing, he has
been deeply impressed with the
formidable nature of the opposition to
him. The bitterness of the feeling in
New York and the East against himself
has probably impressed him. Moreover,
he has been jarred by the disposition of
the republican progressives in the
West to resent the tariff plank in the
New York platform, to hold him re-
sponsible for it, and for the Adminis-
tration plank, and to show loss of con-
fidence in him.

Country's Trend.

Still more than these things, Colonel
Roosevelt is too keen and astute a poli-
tician not to have discovered the fact
the country is trending in a Democratic
direction and that it is likely to elect
a Democratic President in 1912.

Colonel Roosevelt does not regard 1912
as an auspicious year for a Republican
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